

The Bush Hotel  
4014 Old Philadelphia Road  
Abingdon, Maryland 21009

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## INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC  
The Bush Hotel  
AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER  
4014 Old Philadelphia Road

CITY, TOWN  
Abingdon

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

STATE  
Maryland

COUNTY  
Harford

**3 CLASSIFICATION****CATEGORY**

☐ DISTRICT  
☐ BUILDING(S)  
☒ STRUCTURE  
☐ SITE  
☐ OBJECT

**OWNERSHIP**

☐ PUBLIC  
☒ PRIVATE  
☐ BOTH

**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**

☐ IN PROCESS  
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

**STATUS**

☒ OCCUPIED  
☐ UNOCCUPIED  
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

**ACCESSIBLE**

☐ YES: RESTRICTED  
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED  
☒ NO

**PRESENT USE**

☐ AGRICULTURE ☐ MUSEUM  
☐ COMMERCIAL ☐ PARK  
☐ EDUCATIONAL ☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE  
☐ ENTERTAINMENT ☐ RELIGIOUS  
☐ GOVERNMENT ☐ SCIENTIFIC  
☐ INDUSTRIAL ☐ TRANSPORTATION  
☐ MILITARY ☐ OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME  
Sidney J. (Jr.) and Evelyn D. Formanek

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER  
4014 Old Philadelphia Road

CITY, TOWN  
Abingdon

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code  
Maryland 21009

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE,  
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC. Harford County Courthouse

Liber #:

Folio #:

STREET &amp; NUMBER

40 South Main Street

CITY, TOWN

Bel Air

STATE  
Maryland

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION**

NA-867

**CONDITION**

☒ EXCELLENT      ☐ DETERIORATED  
☐ GOOD            ☐ RUINS  
☐ FAIR             ☐ UNEXPOSED

**CHECK ONE**

☐ UNALTERED  
☒ ALTERED

**CHECK ONE**

☒ ORIGINAL SITE  
☐ MOVED      DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The Bush Hotel is a two-story structure measuring approximately 20 by 42 feet of stuccoed brick facing southeast (hereinafter referred to as South) oriented to the old Post Road, the principal street of the eighteenth century county seat, Harford Town or Bush. The gable-roofed structure is expressed as five bays on its south facade and three on its north; on the south front the bay west of center in the first story and east of center in the second is void of a window opening; on the north facade, the center bay in the second story is void of a window opening and the door in the first story is close to the easterly bay. The center window in the second story of the south and the west window in the north facade have been reduced in size. Sash are 2/2 with horizontal panes, ca. 1960 replacements of earlier 2/2 sash, the latter themselves replacements of the originals. The west end chimney is flush with the west end wall of the structure while the east end chimney projects partially from the east end wall; sloping shoulders immediately above the second story fireplace reduce the north-south dimension of that chimney. Most windows appear to retain earlier heavy frames, covered with plain boards to receive louvred blinds, now removed. The transom above the south front door appears original with four 8 inch by 10 inch lights.

Cornices are of plain wood and a wide shed-roofed dormer was added about 1960 to the north roof slope to increase third story headroom. A pair of small windows flanking each end chimney lights the attic story.

Doors through the west end wall in both stories, south of the chimney, open to porches added about 1960; these doors opened into a west wing addition, now removed.

A brick wall dividing the interior into two principal spaces extends through the structure immediately west of the south front door. The open staircase rises immediately opposite the door to an intermediate landing against the north wall; from the landing it divides and rises east and west in two short flights to those respective rooms of the second story. An enclosed staircase extends to the attic immediately above the lower flight of the principal stair and one extends to the cellar beneath the same. Each of the four rooms has a fireplace but the one in the west room of the first story has been closed. The west chimney serves a large fireplace in the basement, probably designed for cooking. Exterior entrances to the basement are through the north and south walls close to the west end but the latter one has been eliminated.

First floor joists, exposed in the basement, are original as is part of a hewn oak mortised-and-tenoned doorframe in the brick partition in the basement. The beaded baseboards of the upper flights of the staircase appear original, suggesting that the stair arrangement is original. An unmoulded six-panel door in the second story, probably not in its original location, is early and the outline of removed chair rail is visible in the southwest corner in the second story.

In short, original work includes the basic form, including exterior walls and window locations, the chimneys, at least the roof shape, the basic plan, first floor joists, some window frames, a transom, some baseboard associated with the stair and a door. All other surfaces were refinished in the renovations of ca. 1960 and all other remaining early details were removed at that time.

Several photographs are preserved of the building prior to the ca. 1960 renovations:

1. from the southwest, ca. 1950-55
- 2, 3. from the southwest and northeast, October 1956
4. from the southeast, Feb. 1957

(See Continuation Sheet #1.)

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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The role of this specific building in the town of Bush has remained an enigma. Bush was the first county seat in Harford County after it was divided from Baltimore County in 1773. Located on the main highway between the north and the south (the Post Road), Bush also provided a stopping-place for stagecoach travelers and a meeting place for statesmen. It is perhaps most famous as the site where the Bush Declaration--heralded as the first declaration of independence--was signed by 34 local citizens on March 22, 1775.

The configuration of the town can only be guessed. It is thought that a courthouse was never built (the county seat was removed to Bel Air in 1782), but that public meetings were held in one of the two taverns. One source states that in 1800, Bush had 130 inhabitants, two taverns, two stores, cooper, wheelwright and blacksmith shops, a merchant mill, and a tanyard.

Most sources agree that there were two taverns in Bush from the time of the Revolution until at least 1830. Names of the innkeepers in chronological order are listed as: Joseph Stiles, Abraham Andrews, John H. Barney, Gabriel Van Horn, Peryrin (?) Nowland, Nowland's widow, Jacob Miller, David Maulsby. However, none of those names can be matched to this structure, and its history can only be taken back to 1835.

The Ozmons, who purchased the property in 1856, definitely ran a hotel here. In 1876, it was purchased by William F. Pannell, who owned Harford Furnace from 1861 until 1867 and, subsequently, much property in the area. The 1878 Martenet's Map refers to it as "the Bush Hotel," and it has been known as such since then.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES**

Land, Will & Equity records of Harford County  
 C. Milton Wright's unpublished notes on Bush  
 C. Milton Wright's Our Harford Heritage, 1967  
 1858 Jennings & Herrick Map  
 1878 Martenet's Map

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

**10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA**

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 0.65 Ac<sup>+</sup>

**VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION****LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES**

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

**11 FORM PREPARED BY**

NAME / TITLE

James T. Wollon, AIA; Natalie Shivers, Historic Sites Surveyor

ORGANIZATION

Historic District Commission

DATE

12/75; 9/79

STREET &amp; NUMBER

45 South Main Street

TELEPHONE

838-6000 X207

CITY OR TOWN

Bel Air

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust  
 The Shaw House, 21 State Circle  
 Annapolis, Maryland 21401  
 (301) 267-1438

Maryland Historical Trust  
Inventory Form for State Historic Sites Survey

The Bush Hotel

7. DESCRIPTION

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Demolished in the ca. 1960 renovation was a west wing, about 20 by 24 feet in size, nearly three full stories in height with a roof coincidental with the original to the east. Its first floor was at grade and ceiling heights appear to have been considerably lower. Of three bays in length, of stuccoed masonry (probably brick) construction with a flush chimney in the west gable end, only the first story had an opening in the central bay--a door-- and that bay was void of openings above. The third story windows, half in the masonry wall and half above it in dormers, were rare early examples of a window form popularized in the twentieth century revivals of early American architecture. The corbeled brick cornice together with the wing's general form suggests that it dated from the first half of the nineteenth century.

A two-bay, two-story frame structure extended north of the now-demolished west wing; it was removed prior to the October 1956 photograph. Its gabled roof ridge was aligned approximately with the west end wall of the west wing and it appears to have been separate from the west wing by a foot or two. A window in both stories faced south through its gable end and a door opened into the first story from each bay on its west facade. Second story windows of the west facade were very small. An internal chimney was at its north end. Standing seam tin covered its roof.

A one-story shed-roofed porch extended across the south front of the original portion of this structure, removed in the ca. 1960 alterations. Louvred blinds with movable louvres in their lower panels, were hung at most windows and standing-seam tin covered all roofs. The stucco was scored in imitation of coursed ashlar.

North of the structure are four low stone walls describing a rectangle approximately 12 by 14 1/2 feet, with a door opening approximately centered in the southerly wall. Although a private cemetery has been suggested as the reason for these walls, they probably represent the ruins of a meat house.

Title Search  
HA-867

Mr. and Mrs. Sydney J. Formanek, Jr.  
4014 Philadelphia Road  
Abingdon, MD 21009

HDC	903	428	8/4/1972	Grantor: Robert Allen Buckholdt Grantee: Eve D. and Sydney J. (Jr.) Formanek Acreage: Bush Hotel Property, .65 acres (Deed dated 7/19/1972)
GRG	765	7	12/21/67	Grantor: First Harford Federal Savings and Loan Association and William and Phyllis Hurd Grantee: Robert Alan Buckholdt Acreage: .65 acres
GRG	604	84	10/26/62	Grantor: Morris Rosenberg, Assignee for the Daniels Grantee: First Harford Federal Savings and Loan Association
			4/30/63	Grantor: William A. and Phyllis J. Hurd Grantee: First Harford Federal Savings and Loan Association
GRG	526	70	5/12/59	Grantor: Joseph Daniel, Jr. and Gloria H. Daniel Grantee: First Harford Federal Savings and Loan Association, sold at public sale.
Chester, PA Wills			6/18/35	Grantor: Last Will and Testament of James J.W. Taylor Grantee: Joseph Daniel, Jr.
WSF	122	11	6/20/1907	Grantor: James J.W. Taylor and Emma L. Taylor Grantee: Joseph Daniel Acreage: 5/8 acres
ALJ	60	400	8/1/1888	Grantor: John S. Young, trustee Grantee: Emma L. Taylor
			2/16/1887	Equity: John T. Wilson, complainant James A. Cunningham and others, defendants property known as "The Ozmon Hotel Property"
ALJ	33	170	12/22/1884	Grantor: A. Henry Strasburgh, Executor of William F. Pannell's Last Will and Testament Grantee: James A. Cunningham

ALJ	33	434	6/5/1876	Grantor: Henry Ozmon and Ann Ozmon Grantee: William F. Pannell
WHD	16	63	4/26/1865	Grantor: Charles D. Bouldin, trustee Grantee: Ann Ozmon
ALJ	22	407	8/9/1869	Mortgage: Henry and Ann Ozman
ALJ	7	284	4/7/1856	Grantor: John McGaw of Robert and Mary B. McGaw Grantee: Henry Ozmon Acreage: $\frac{1}{4}$ acre, comprising the house, garden, and small stable
HDG	37	412	11/26/1851	Grantor: Albert Constable, representing Thomas C. Hanson, died seized and possessed Grantee: John McGaw Acreage: $\frac{1}{4}$ acre

INVENTORY NO. HA-867

ELECTION DISTRICT \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: 11/79

TAX MAP NO. \_\_\_\_\_

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

PARCEL NO. \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF PROPERTY: Bush Hotel

LOCATION OF PROPERTY: 4014 Philadelphia Road, Abingdon

DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: south

NAME OF OWNER: Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Formenak

ADDRESS: 4014 Philadelphia Road, Abingdon, Maryland 21009

STORIES: 1[ ] 2[x] 3[ ] 4[ ] 5[ ] 6[ ] BAYS:

WINGS, ADDITIONS:

third story on north facade

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- [ ] FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten(type?)  
[x] BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants. stuccoed  
[ ] STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated  
[ ] LOG

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS \_\_\_\_\_

FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1[ ] 2/2[ ] 6/6[ ] 9/6[ ] 9/9[ ] other[ ]  
altered pegged[ ] nailed[ ] wide[ ] narrow[ ]  
original[ ] replaced[ ]

ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: center bay south facade

HARDWARE: original[ ] replaced[ ]

FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN

CORNICE, BARGE, EAVES:

boxed original[ ] replaced[ ]

ROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, MANSARD, FLAT, DORMERS

MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original[ ] replaced[ ]

PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed[ ] hip[ ] gable[ ]

CHIMNEYS: NUMBER 2 BRICK[x] STONE[ ] CORBELED[ ] original[ ] replaced[ ]

stuccoed LOCATION: ends

ARCHES:

COMMENTS:

HA 867

MD. HISTORICAL TRUST INVENTORY - NOMINATION FORM  
BOX 1734  
ANNAPOLIS, MD. 21404

## NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES

(Type all entries - complete applicable sections)

STATE:	
COUNTY:	
FOR NPS USE ONLY	
ENTRY NUMBER	DATE

## 1. NAME

COMMON:

Buck-Lette House

AND/OR HISTORIC:

"George Washington Inn"

## 2. LOCATION

STREET AND NUMBER:

North side of Philadelphia Road (Md)

CITY OR TOWN:

Bush

about 0.1 mi west of Calvary Road

STATE

Md.

CODE

COUNTY:

Harford

CODE

(Md 136)

## 3. CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY (Check One)	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC
District <input type="checkbox"/> Building <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Public <input type="checkbox"/>	Occupied <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Yes: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Site <input type="checkbox"/> Structure <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Private <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unoccupied <input type="checkbox"/>	Restricted <input type="checkbox"/>
Object <input type="checkbox"/>	Both <input type="checkbox"/>	Preservation work in progress <input type="checkbox"/>	Unrestricted <input type="checkbox"/>
			No: <input type="checkbox"/>

PRESENT USE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Agricultural <input type="checkbox"/>	Government <input type="checkbox"/>	Park <input type="checkbox"/>	Transportation <input type="checkbox"/>	Comments <input type="checkbox"/>
Commercial <input type="checkbox"/>	Industrial <input type="checkbox"/>	Private Residence <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Other (Specify) <input type="checkbox"/>	
Educational <input type="checkbox"/>	Military <input type="checkbox"/>	Religious <input type="checkbox"/>		
Entertainment <input type="checkbox"/>	Museum <input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific <input type="checkbox"/>		

## 4. OWNER OF PROPERTY

OWNERS NAME:

Robert Buck-Lette

STREET AND NUMBER:

4012 Philadelphia Road

CITY OR TOWN:

Abingdon

STATE

Md 2609

CODE

## 5. LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE, REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT

STREET AND NUMBER:

HARFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE

40 S. MAIN ST.

CITY OR TOWN:

BEL AIR

STATE

MARYLAND

CODE

ACREAGE

APPROXIMATE ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY:

## 6. REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE OF SURVEY:

DATE OF SURVEY:

Federal ☐State ☐County ☐Local ☐

DEPOSITORY FOR SURVEY RECORDS:

STREET AND NUMBER:

CITY OR TOWN:

STATE:

CODE

FOR NPS USE ONLY  
ENTRY NUMBER  
DATE

## 7. DESCRIPTION

CONDITION	(Check One)					
	Excellent <input type="checkbox"/>	Good <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Fair <input type="checkbox"/>	Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/>	Ruins <input type="checkbox"/>	Unexposed <input type="checkbox"/>
INTEGRITY	(Check One)			(Check One)		
	Altered <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Unaltered <input type="checkbox"/>	Moved <input type="checkbox"/>	Original Site <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (If known) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Once a coach house, this stone masonry building has been altered several times into different size houses. In the last 20 years a large frame wing running north along the west wall was removed.

Stone stuccoed, oblong, 2 stories (2½ at the rear.) The house has 5 very unevenly sized and spaced openings by 2. Facing south,

The A roof ridge line runs east-west, ~~with~~ with two large chimneys at the euds, both closed off at the top and sealed off windows. A portion shelters the front door, center south wall, and a two-story porch is at the west end wall.

## SIGNIFICANCE

## PERIOD (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Pre-Columbian ☐16th Century ☐18th Century ☒20th Century ☐15th Century ☐17th Century ☐19th Century ☐

## SPECIFIC DATE(S) (If Applicable and Known)

## AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE (Check One or More as Appropriate)

Aboriginal ☐Education ☐Political ☐Urban Planning ☐Prehistoric ☐Engineering ☐

Religion/Phi-

Other (Specify) ☐Historic ☐Industry ☐losophy ☐Agriculture ☐Invention ☐Science ☐Art ☐Landscape ☐Sculpture ☐Commerce ☐Architecture ☐

Social/Human-

Communications ☐Literature ☐itarian ☐Conservation ☐Military ☐Theater ☐Architecture ☐Music ☐Transportation ☐

Historic  
~~architecture~~  
Inn coachhouse

## STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE (Include Personages, Dates, Events, Etc.)

This is the only remaining building of the pre-revolutionary town of Bush, Md. Formerly a coachhouse, ~~belonging~~ to the Bush Tavern. It has since been made into a dwelling house.

No maps or plans of Bush town or Harford Town are known. but it is thought to have consisted of thirty or forty dwellings, a gristmill, tan yard, several inns and stores, with spacious quarters for hostelry accommodations for court officials, citizens, and stagecoach travelers, according to C Milton Wright.

## 9. MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Wright, C. Milton; Our Harbor Heritage p. 59-67.

## 10. GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING A RECTANGLE LOCATING THE PROPERTY			O R	LATITUDE AND LONGITUDE COORDINATES DEFINING THE CENTER POINT OF A PROPERTY OF LESS THAN ONE ACRE		
CORNER	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE		LATITUDE	LONGITUDE	
	Degrees Minutes Seconds	Degrees Minutes Seconds		Degrees	Minutes	Seconds
NW	° ' "	° ' "		°	'	"
NE	° ' "	° ' "		°	'	"
SE	° ' "	° ' "		°	'	"
SW	° ' "	° ' "		°	'	"

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE
STATE:	CODE	COUNTY:	CODE

## 11. FORM PREPARED BY

NAME AND TITLE:	
ORGANIZATION	DATE
STREET AND NUMBER:	
CITY OR TOWN:	STATE, CODE

## 12. STATE LIAISON OFFICER CERTIFICATION

## NATIONAL REGISTER VERIFICATION

As the designated State Liaison Officer for the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (Public Law 89-665), I hereby nominate this property for inclusion in the National Register and certify that it has been evaluated according to the criteria and procedures set forth by the National Park Service. The recommended level of significance of this nomination is:

National ☐ State ☐ Local ☐

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

I hereby certify that this property is included in the National Register.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chief, Office of Archeology and Historic Preservation

Date \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Keeper of The National Register

Date \_\_\_\_\_

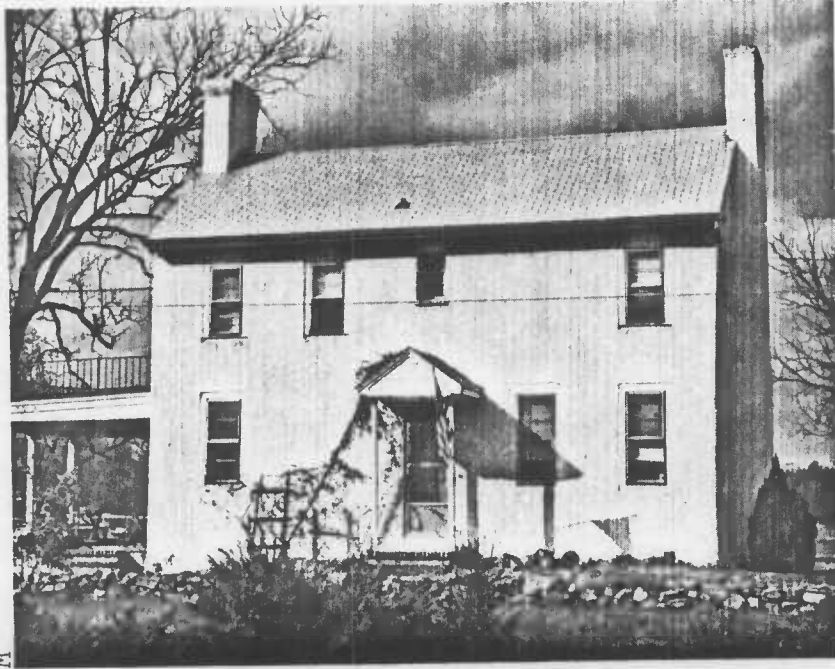


Photo by Dr. David C. Hodge

## COACH HOUSE AT INN AT BUSH

Erected before Revolution. Only remaining building of Bush county seat.

of government a place of active participation in the rebellion against the Mother Country. The fires of discontent that were beginning to kindle throughout the colonies were uppermost in the thoughts and actions of Harford's citizens and especially in many of the distinguished men chosen to lead our new county in its government and its contacts with other similar divisions of our struggling nation.

When a convention was called at Annapolis on June 22, 1774, Harford was represented by Richard Dallam, John Love, Thomas Bond, Benedict Hall, and Jacob Bond. At this convention it was declared that the Acts of Parliament were cruel and oppressive invasions of the people's rights, and that the Stamp Act and other offensive laws should be repealed.

Our leaders had already anticipated the actions of the Annapolis Convention, and as early as June 11, 1774 a large meeting of citizens, presided over by Aquila Hall, was held at Bush and Resolutions to be sent to the Annapolis Convention were passed. The Resolutions were as follows:

1. RESOLVED, It is the opinion of the meeting that the town of Boston is now suffering in the common cause of America, and that it is the duty of every colony to unite in the most effectual constitutional means to obtain a repeal of the late Act of Parliament for blocking up the harbor of Boston.

2. RESOLVED, That therefore we will join in an association with the other counties of this Province, on oath, not to export to, or import from Great Britain, any kind of produce or merchandise after such a day as the committee of the several counties at their general meeting shall fix, until the repeal of the Boston Port Act.

3. RESOLVED, That we will deal with none of the West India Islands, colony, colonies, person or persons whatsoever residing therein, who shall not enter in similar resolves with the majority of the colonies within such time as the general committees of this province shall agree, but hold him or them as an enemy or enemies to American liberty.

4. RESOLVED, That we join in an association with the other colonies to send relief to the poor and distressed inhabitants of Boston, to enable them to persevere in defence of the common cause.

5. RESOLVED, That the merchants ought not to advance the price of their goods, but sell them as they intended, had not these resolves been entered into.

6. RESOLVED, That the gentlemen of the law ought to bring no suit for recovery of any debt due from any inhabitants of Great Britain, in this or any other colony, until the said act be repealed; except in such cases where the debtor is guilty of a willful delay in payment, having ability to pay, or is about to abscond or remove his effects, or is wasting his substance, or shall refuse to settle his account by giving bond on interest, which fact or facts are to be made appear to some neighboring magistrate and certified under his hand.

7. RESOLVED, That the following gentlemen, viz.: Rev. William West, Messrs. Aquila Hall, Richard Dallam, Thomas Bond (son of Thomas), John Love, Capt. John Paca, Benedict Edward Hall, Benjamin Rumsey, Nathaniel Giles, and Jacob Bond be a committee to meet the committees of other counties in this province, to consult and agree on the most effectual means to preserve our constitutional rights and liberties, and promote that union and harmony between Great Britain and her colonies, on which their preservation depends; and that the same gentlemen, together with the following, Capt. John Matthews, Capt. William Smith, Dr. John Archer, William Younge, Abraham Whitaker, William Webb, Amos Garrett, George Bradford, John Rumsey, Jeremiah Sheredine, William Smithson, William Bond (son of Joshua), Isaac Webster, and Alexander Cowan, be a committee of correspondence and on any emergency to call a general meeting, and that any six of them have power to act.

Signed per order,  
Joseph Butler, Cl. Com.

During the next few months, the citizens of the colonies continued their opposition to Great Britain and in public meetings denounced the oppressive Acts. In March, 1775, Patrick Henry made his famous speech

EDGEWOOD QUADRANGLE

MARYLAND

7.5 MINUTE SERIES (TOPOGRAPHIC)

NE/4 GUNPOWDER 15' QUADRANGLE

1010000 FEET

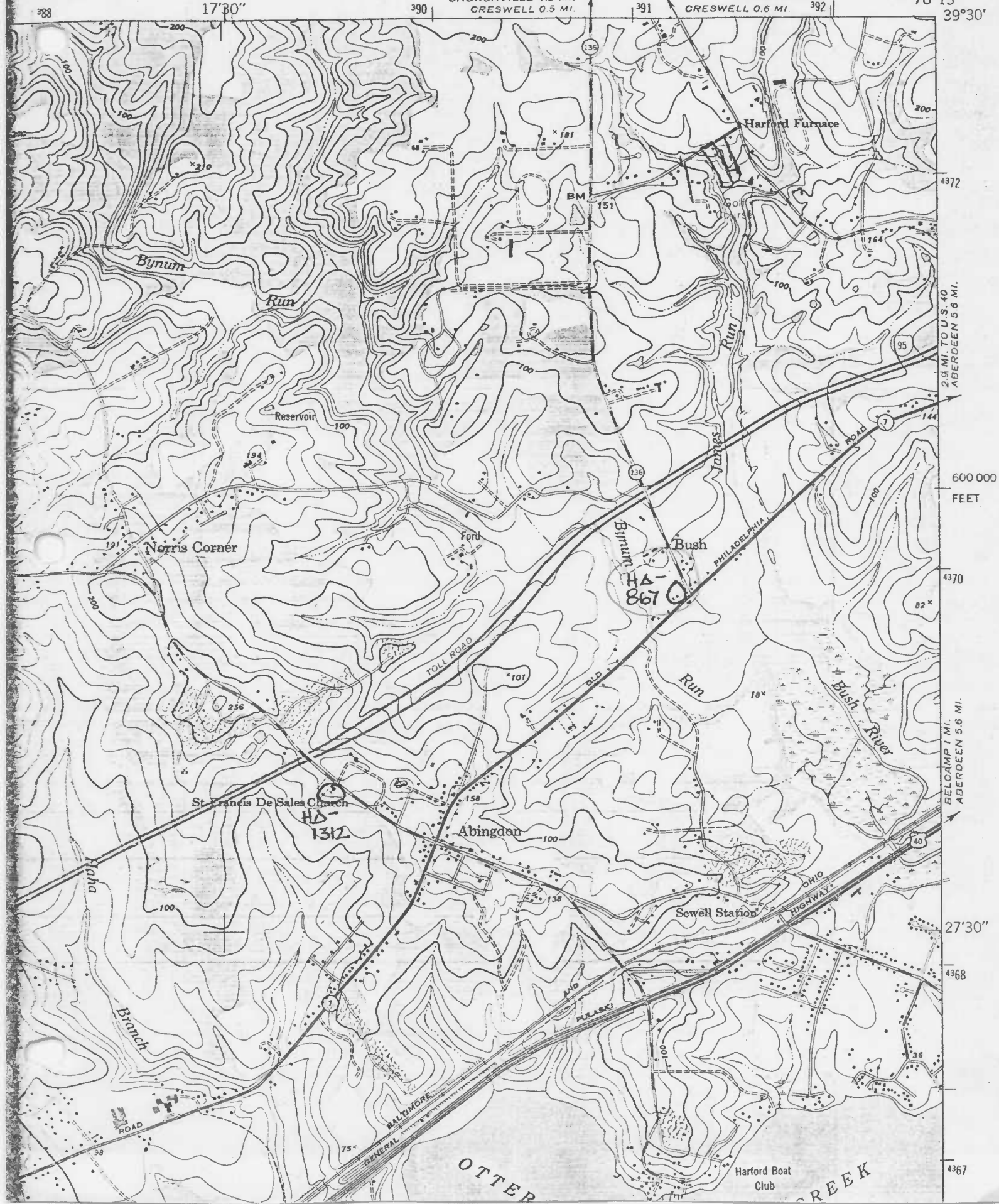
CRESWELL 0.6 MI.

CHURCHVILLE 4.3 MI.  
CRESWELL 0.5 MI.

76°15'

39°30'

5763 II SW  
ABERDEEN





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